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Divisional Health Offices,  
Brogden Street,  
Ulverston.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Dalton in Furness Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1965.

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in acres	8,022.
Population - Census, 1961	10,316
- Registrar General's Estimate of home population, mid 1965	10,500
Number of inhabited houses	3,713
Rateable Value	£240,371
Amount produced by a Penny Rate	£999.

The Urban District of Dalton-in-Furness is situated in the North Western part of the County of Lancashire adjoining the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness and the North Lonsdale Rural District. Height above Ordnance Datum varies between 850 feet in the north-east to sea level in the west. There are outcrops of limestone in various parts of the District and in the past there has been extensive mining for iron ore which has left the surface considerably scarred and some of the low lying areas flooded with water.

The chief industries are viscose manufacturing, shoe-making, brickworks, clothing manufacture and agriculture, but a large proportion of the male working population is employed in the shipyards and engineering works at Barrow-in-Furness.

VITAL STATISTICS

The principal vital statistics for the year 1965 and for the preceding five years are given on page two.

190 live births were registered, 106 being males and 84 females. 4 male and 7 female were illegitimate.

Approximately 66% of the deaths were in persons of 65 years of age and over and the principal causes of death were:- Heart disease 58, Malignant growths 19, and Vascular Lesions of the nervous system 28. Of the 58 deaths from Heart disease, 33 were due to Coronary Artery disease.

The adjusted live birth rate of 19.0 per 1,000 and the adjusted death rate of 14.0 per 1,000 can be compared with the corresponding rates for England and Wales of 18.1 per 1,000 and 11.5 per 1,000 respectively.

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality	
	Rate per 1,000 popula- tion	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popu- lation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Total	Neo-Natal
1965	190	18.1	139	13.2	4	20.6	Nil	5	26.3	4
1964	195	16.6	110	10.6	6	30.2	1	5.03	3	15.5
1963	157	15.2	160	15.5	4	24.8	Nil	Nil	25.5	2
1962	168	16.3	135	13.1	3	17.5	Nil	Nil	35.7	5
1961	156	15.1	148	14.3	6	37.0	Nil	Nil	25.6	4
1960	167	16.3	156	13.3	2	11.8	Nil	Nil	3	18
Average 5 years 1960-64	-	16.3	-	13.4	-	24.3	-	1.0	-	24.1
										18.1

Adjusted live birth rate 1965 (comparability factor 1.05) = 19.0 per 1,000  
 Adjusted death rate 1965 (comparability factor 1.06) = 14.0 per 1,000

## STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:-

J.L. WILD, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,  
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Other Appointments Held:-

Medical Officer of Health -  
Ulverston Urban District  
Council, Grange-over-Sands  
Urban District Council,  
North Lonsdale Rural District  
Council.

Public Health Inspector:-

Divisional Medical Officer -  
Health Division No. 1  
Lancashire County Council.

Other Appointments Held:-

K.C. McCUTCHEON, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
Meat and Other Foods  
Inspectors Certificate

Additional Public Health Inspector:-

Cleansing Superintendent and Housing  
Manager - Dalton-in-Furness  
Urban District Council.

J.O. BANTER, M.A.P.H.I.  
Meat and Other Foods  
Inspectors Certificate  
(resigned December)

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### WATER SUPPLY

The provision and maintenance of public water supplies throughout the District is the responsibility of the Furness Water Board. Dalton is supplied from Poaka Beck reservoir and Askam from the Ulpha intake of the River Duddon.

No new sources of supply were acquired during the year but the main was extended to supply the new estate of private dwellings at Dalton.

The supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality throughout the year.

3,691 houses are now supplied direct from public mains, 3 from standpipes and 14 have private supplies.

### SEWERAGE

The sewage from Dalton is taken to screening tanks near the site of the old gasworks and the effluent is then discharged to the Barrow Corporation sewerage system. The sewage from Askam is passed through screening tanks and the effluent discharged to the Duddon estuary. Sewage from the hamlet of Newton passes through a settlement tank, the effluent being discharged to a stream. Lindal and Martin have modern sewage disposal plant where full treatment is given before discharging the effluent to nearby streams.

5 houses have privy middens and another 2 have pail closets, the remainder being on the water carriage system.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse is made and trade refuse is collected subject to payment of an annual charge.

Dustbins are renewable by owners or occupiers of houses.

	Class of Premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
(1) No. of registered premises at end of year	16	44	1	4	-
(2) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	13	38	1	4	1
(3) No. of exemptions current at end of year:-	-	-	-	-	-
Space (S.5.(2))	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.9)	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities (S.10)	-	-	-	-	-
(4) No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises					
(5) No. of prosecutions during year					

HOUSING

Property in the District is generally 60-80 years old, terrace type, opening direct on to the street. For the most part the houses are structurally sound, but many are without modern amenities such as baths and hot water system. There is a general lack of damp courses but little evidence of rising dampness. Repairs and improvements are slow to be carried out. A notable feature is the number of houses which are owner/occupied; this is estimated by the Rates Department to be 70% of the total hereditaments. In addition a further 17% are owned by the Council.

A caravan site at Iskam is licensed for 17 permanent and 45 holiday caravans.

(1) Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

	Houses	Flats
(1) By the local authority	10	-
(2) By other local authorities	-	-
(3) By other bodies or persons	150	-

(2) Total No. of Council-owned dwellings existing at end of year	607	
(3) <u>Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-</u>		
(1) (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	69	
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	82	
(c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	26	
(2) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which		
(a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)	-1-	
(b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made	1	
(4) <u>Houses Demolished:-</u>		
In Clearance Areas:		
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation		
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.		
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957		
	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year
		Persons
	15	-
	-	-
	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas:		
	1	5
		2
(5) <u>Unfit Houses Closed:-</u>	Nil	
(6) <u>Unfit Houses Made Fit:-</u>	Number	
(1) By owner after informal action by local authority	17	
(2) After formal notice under S.9 and S.16, Housing Act, 1957 -		
(a) by owner	-	
(b) by local authority	-	
(3) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	1	
(4) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.21, Housing Act, 1961	-	
(5) After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957	-	
(6) After determination of a closing order under S.27, Housing Act, 1961	-	
(7) Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-	Nil	

(8) Purchase of Houses by Agreement

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year ... Nil

(9) <u>Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants etc.</u>	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of -	
	Private Bodies or individuals	Local Authority
Action taken during the year:-		
(1) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	-	-
(2) Approved by local authority	-	-
(3) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-
(4) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(5) Work completed	-	-
(6) Additional separate dwellings included in (5) above	-	-

(10) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:

- (1) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard  
(b) reduced standard
- (2) Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard  
(b) reduced standard
- (3) Work completed

	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(1) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard (b) reduced standard	73 -
(2) Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard (b) reduced standard	73 -
(3) Work completed	64
(4) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings	None

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

1. Samples for Biological Examination

Results:-	Total No. of samples submitted	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No result
28				
(a) Tuberculosis		-	-	28
(b) Brucellosis - Ring Test		5	23	-
(c) Brucellosis - Culture Test		4	1	23
(d) Brucellosis - Biological Test		-	-	28

2. Samples for Statutory Tests

Raw Milk:-	No. of samples	Results		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Void samples
(a) Methylene Blue Test	6	6	-	-
Heat Treated Milk:-				
(b) Methylene Blue Test	-	-	-	-
(c) Phosphatase Test	-	-	-	-
(d) Turbidity Test	-	-	-	-
(e) Colony Count Test	-	-	-	-

MEAT INSPECTION

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district where all animals were inspected post-mortem. Details are as follows:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	78	1	-	224	-
Number inspected	78	1	-	224	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	42	1	-	15	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	53.8%	100%	-	6.6%	-
Tuberculosis - No. affected	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis - No. affected	-	-	-	-	-

### INSPECTION OF OTHER FOODS

A total weight of 123 lbs of assorted foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption after being voluntarily surrendered by the owners.

### FOOD HYGIENE

An intensive survey of all food premises was carried out during the year by the Public Health Inspectors and the general standard of Food Hygiene was found to be fair only. Numerous contraventions of the Food Hygiène (Général) Regulations, 1960 were found and a total of 132 notices were served and by the end of the year, 87 had been complied with, and work was proceeding in many other instances.

### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases which occurred in the Urban District during the five years 1960-1964 compared with the number in 1965.

Disease	Number of cases in year					
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Scarlet fever	1	-	1	-	-	1
Measles	32	144	27	196	36	82
Whooping cough	-	17	-	7	6	1
Dysentery	-	-	3	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	3	4	2	-	-
Meningococcal infection	1	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	1	8	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	35	172	35	206	42	84

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases and mortality during 1965

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-		1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
55-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
75 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
	6		-		3		-	

The table below shows the number of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis in Dalton residents during the past 12 years.

Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1954	10	4	1	-	1	1	-	-
1955	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	6	9	-	-	3	-	-	-
1957	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1958	8	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
1959	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
1961	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1962	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1963	7	2	1	-	3	1	-	-
1964	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
1965	4	2	-	-	3	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above named Acts.

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In conclusion, it is my pleasure to thank the Members of the Health Committee and the Officers of the Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council, particularly the Public Health Inspectors for their unfailing courtesy and help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J.L. WILD.

Medical Officer of Health.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
in respect of the year 1965 for the Dalton-in-Furness  
Urban District in the County of Lancashire.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	Number on Register	Number of -		
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	42	52	22	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>

2 - Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>	
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	21	6	-	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>

No prosecutions were instituted

Part VIII of the ActParticulars under Sections 133 and 134

No. of outworkers in August list

Nil

No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council

Nil





